

TOWN OF LEBANON

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEBANON COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

BE IT ORDAINED by the electors of the Town of Lebanon at a duly warned Town Meeting held on August 22, 1994:

Section 1. Purpose - to establish a Commission to be known as the Lebanon Commission for Children and Families with the powers, authority, and duties set forth in Sections 17a-39 et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time. This Commission will have the authority to promote and enhance services that respond to the needs and concerns of children and families in both the public and private sectors and other related matters.

Section 2. Responsibilities - The responsibility of the Commission shall be to promote and enhance services and public practices that respond to both the needs and concerns of children, youth, and families. The Commission shall also hold public meetings at which citizens and community groups who have specific concerns regarding local children, youth, and family issues may be heard. Said Commission shall, from time to time, identify and assess existing youth and family issues for the Town and also seek to facilitate communication in and among existing local groups and organizations who are currently involved in promoting youth and family programs and activities in order to better coordinate existing services. Said Commission shall be responsible for informing the Selectmen regarding the Town's eligibility for State and Federal funding as well as submitting an annual budget to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the Town on its activities.

Section 3. Membership and Term of Office - Said Commission shall consist of nine regular members, all of whom shall be registered voters of the Town of Lebanon, and two non-voting adolescent members under the age of 18 upon their initial appointment. Said members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

Three (3) of the original regular members to serve for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 1995;

Three (3) of the original members to serve for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 1996;

Three (3) of the original regular members and the two non-voting adolescent members to serve for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 1997;

Upon the expiration of the terms as established above, each member shall be appointed to serve for three-year terms, with one-third of the Board being appointed annually the first Monday in February of each year. Of the nine members appointed, one member shall be the person holding the office of the Municipal Agent for Children, one member shall be an employee or representative of the Lebanon Board of Education, one member shall be a member of the clergy with a congregation in the Town of Lebanon, and the remaining six members shall be selected from the community at-large.

Section 4. Appointments - The persons so appointed shall be interested in and committed to the considerations of the issues facing children and families. The members of the Commission so appointed shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses, when such expenses have been approved by the majority of the Commission.

Section 5. Vacancies - In the event of a vacancy, the unexpired term shall be filled by an individual appointed by the Board of Selectmen and should, if possible, represent the same category as that of the member whose position became vacant.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the General Statutes.

Dated at Lebanon, Connecticut this 25th day of August 1994.

Joyce A. McGillicuddy
Town Clerk

Effective date is September 13, 1994